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Let's All Give Thanks --- The Person Who Has Nothing to be Thankful For Is Indeed In Bad Shape

Passed Worthless Checks.

Voiles Milan, who has been employed in the country north of town for several months, part of the time for Peter Krier and also for J. P. Mans made his departure from here Sunday afternoon but not failing to leave some remembrances behind. He got the Clafin Drug Co. for \$16 by giving them a worthless check and also got Dr. Embury for \$20. He forged a check for \$15 on J. B. Mans and got it cashed at Wood and Adams and gave J. D. Stevens a worthless check for \$4.50 for taking him to Ellinwood. The interested parties suspected that there was something wrong Sunday evening and made a few investigations in regard to the checks and then started after the fellow, but were a little late as he was making a clean get-away and so far they have been unable to locate him.

He is the same guy that claimed he lost his pocketbook a few days ago containing \$30 and some valuable papers, but since his actions of Sunday the story is being badly discredited. He had the appearance of being a fine fellow and no one suspected him of being a crook.—Clarion.

J. S. Compton Visits Virginia.

J. S. Compton, of Rozel, has just returned from a five weeks trip to Bland Court House, Va., his old home, or rather what was his home when Johnny was quite a kid. He left there with his parents when five years of age when they moved to Barton county, and there Mr. Compton spent his early life.

Mr. Compton says that he was not at all impressed with the progressiveness of the east. Homes that he remembers well when on a visit there twenty-five years ago are just as he saw them, with no sign of improvement at any place. His father's old home place near Bland is just as it was over one quarter of a century ago, without even a change in the fences, gates or barns. Young men who have lived there all their lives cannot realize that young men in the west have a chance to make something and be somebody and many of those who labor there were surprised when Mr. Compton told them that "the laborers lived as well in Kansas as anybody." In the east there are classes, and the rich men and women are aristocratic in the extreme, he says. Many men are working hard for 75 cents per day and trying to support a family. It is little wonder that social conditions are no better than they are there.

Many of those Virginians are going to come to Kansas in the spring providing they can rake up enough coin to get here. Mr. Compton has already made arrangements for his harvest hands for next year, and told the men that they didn't have enough money to get here to let him know, and he would see that the transportation was forthcoming.

Mrs. Compton accompanied her husband on his trip east as far as Missouri, where she stopped for a visit with relatives, returning home in advance of Mr. Compton.—Tiller and Toiler.

Dairy Prize Essays.

When the dairy special was in this city a few weeks ago the pupils of the high school and eighth grade were offered prizes for the best essays on dairying. Superintendent submitted eleven essays to the dairy specialists and the five boys winning dollar prizes for their efforts are Victor Newcombe, Albert Paxson, Robt. Mirick, Vernon Duchesne and Willie Scheufler.

The best essay of these five is to go to the Agricultural College to compete with others collected over the state on this dairy special trip and the boy who won this honor by his essay is Will Senentler.

Official Figures.

The population of Kansas, according to the figures made public this week by the census bureau, is 1,690,949. This is an increase of 220,454 since 1900.

The report gives Barton county 14,815.

Commissioners Proceedings.

For the month of November. State of Kansas, County of Barton, SS.

The Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, met in regular session at the office of the county clerk on Monday, November 7, 1910. Present, P. E. Murphy, chairman, N. W. Klepper and Frank Wood, Commissioners, J. W. Clarke, County Attorney, M. Dailey, Sheriff and C. F. Younklin, County Clerk.

The following bills as filed in the office for the county clerk, were approved and allowed:

Bailey-Hanel, electrical work for county	1.60
J. S. McWilliams, meat for Mrs. Barnett	4.40
G. W. Thatcher, truant officer	10.00
Jas. Freer, stamped envelopes for Supt. office	22.39
J. E. DeMotte, janitor	35.00
Schreiber Bros., mds for poor at Olmitz	11.85
Mrs. Ella Duncan, care of self and children	10.00
Henry Sellers, care of Willie Green	4.00
G. W. Thatcher, trans. of Willie Green to reformatory	20.10
Crescent Grocery, groceries for the poor	43.56
J. W. Ledbetter, care of Josie Bennett	15.00
Helen A. Minnis, associate examiner	24.00
Tribune Pub. Co., job pte. Sam'l Dodsworth Book Co., county supplies	5.50
F. Kasselmann, board for the poor	52.00
Gt. Bend Furniture Co., ambulance call for Rosa Rathburn	6.00
E. R. Moses Merc. Co., burial of John Smith	5.00
A. Aitken, coal for poor	22.50
John Robt, returning ballots of primary election	3.50
M. Dailey, drawing jury for November term	2.90
J. H. Jennison, same	2.00
James Clayton, same	2.00
Chas. M. Mote, mdse for Mrs. Barnett	3.20
Eyer Bros., cess pool work	51.25
Trade Printing Co., supplies for county	98.45
G. W. Cooney, trans. of Mr. Junker from Hoisington to Great Bend	4.50
M. Haneock, trans. two negro women from Hoisington to Great Bend	1.50
M. L. Crow, window glass and labor	1.50
Crane Co., county supplies	5.05
C. Samuels Co., mdse. for Mr. Bundy	18.10
W. A. Rush, labor	8.75
H. Born, mdse. for poor	17.37
Lundblade-Nystrom, mdse. for the poor	32.31
McNown-Hayes, meat for the poor	11.45
Fred Richardson, plumbing court house and jail	4.25
Leo Kern, delivering ballots Barton county election	25.00
H. S. Born, mdse. for poor	7.19
Sam'l Dodsworth Book Co., county supplies for the election	149.30
Sam'l Dodsworth Book Co., county supplies	9.90
H. A. Fisher, milk for Mrs. Barnett and Nichols	12.69
Gt. Bend Tel. Co., tolls for October	2.85
Postal Tel. Co., message	5.14
Feder Ptg. Co., county supplies	36.00
Edwards-Fair, repairing bridge	14.65
G. F. Koch, returning primary election ballots	2.50
Mrs. E. F. Richardson, care Mrs. Hughes and children	45.00
Mrs. Emma Kizer, care of child of Mrs. Hughes	8.15
Gt. Bend Furniture Co., ambulance call for Mrs. Hughes	5.00
Mrs. Levi Cooper, care of Mr. Corder	10.00
Roy Cornelius, county pte. and ballots	294.79
W. P. Feder, election ballots, contract with county printer	248.40
Total bills for October	\$1441.54

The board adjourned till Thursday, Nov. 10, 1910, when all the members of the board were present.

A. H. Connett was allowed a refund of \$16.70 on a tax sale certificate issued by the county treasurer, wherein the former county treasurer had failed to credit lots belonging to Andrew Daniels, in Pawnee Rock City, for the 1906 taxes.

R. L. Harvey was allowed a refund of \$9.25 on erroneous assessment of 1910 on personal property.

An agreement was made by and between the St. Rose Hospital and the Board of County Commissioners that the hospital pay its regular taxes and county pay regular hospital services, but no bills to be allowed for the poor unless they are ordered to be sent there either by the mayor of the city of Great Bend, or by the Board of County Commissioners.

J. E. DeMotte's application for janitor from Nov. 1, 1910, to Apr. 1, 1911, was accepted by Board at \$40 per month.

State of Kansas, County of Barton, SS.

Office of the County Clerk, Friday, Nov. 11, 1910.

Pursuant to law, the Board of County Commissioners in and for said county met in the office of the county clerk for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the General Election held in Barton county on the 8th day of November, 1910.

The election returns from the various townships were canvassed in alphabetical order, the Board completing seven the first day, and an adjournment was taken until Saturday, Nov. 12, 1910.

Continuing as a canvassing board Saturday, Monday, and until Tuesday. The result of the entire vote was recorded in Volume B, Abstract of Votes Cast. A certified abstract of the entire vote for state officers, congressman, and representative was sent to the Secretary of State, and the county clerk was instructed to issue certificates of election to candidates for the various county and township offices who received the highest number of votes cast for their respective offices.

In Beaver, Clarence and Liberty townships ties were found on certain township officers, and in each case the Board decided by lot. The county clerk was ordered to apportion the election expenses according to law among the respective townships and cities.

The Board adjourned as a canvassing board and reconvened in regular session on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1910.

The Board of county commissioners checked the county treasurer's books, and the county clerk's books and found them to be correct.

Bids were submitted to the various publishing houses for supplies for the county clerk's office for the year of 1911. The Trade Printing Co., being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract.

Bids were submitted to the various firms in Great Bend city to place steel ceiling on the court room. The Gt. Bend Hdw. and Imp. Co., being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract.

The county clerk was instructed to secure hose for the cesspool pump and also to order disinfectants for the toilet room.

The county clerk was instructed to order two car loads of lumber from the Illinois Steel Bridge Co., of Kansas City, Mo., providing the company could furnish good white oak, full sawed, at \$32 per thousand.

There being nothing further, the Board adjourned to meet again at their next regular session which is the first Monday in December, 1910.

P. E. Murphy, Chairman of the Board. Attest: C. F. Younklin, Co. Clerk.

Antoinette LeBrun.

Antoinette LeBrun, the young prima donna soprano who is attracting much attention from the theatre-goers this week, as the leading singer of the Grand Opera Co. is a great grand-niece of

Andrew Jackson. She was born in the south, but her early girlhood was spent in Indiana, near Kokomo.

Madame LeBrun's stage career has been most interesting. From an obscure Italian operatic company and a dingy little theatre on New York's East-side to playing leading roles with the greatest opera companies of the country is the startling change which formed the most important event of her life. Manager Henry W. Savage, of the "Savage English Opera Co.," "discovered" her. She was singing the prima donna roles in a little Italian company that was filling an engagement at the Grand theatre, a play-house erected by the East-side Hebrews of New York for the presentation of Yiddish dramas, but which had been rented by the opera company. Madame LeBrun had studied in Italy and had sung in that country, but upon coming back to America found that the leading managers were unwilling to give her a hearing, as is often the case.

Rather than be idle, the plucky little woman accepted the first engagement offered her, and this happened to be at the East-side theatre, which, despite its pretentious name, is a very modest little amusement place. She made a hit from the start. She speaks and sings Italian as well as a native of sunny Italy, and it was a simple enough matter for her to take the soprano roles in the operas that were given. After she had been singing on the East-side for a few weeks, Mr. Savage, who is always on the lookout for talent, dropped in one night at the theatre to hear her sing. The manager was amazed. He "snapped her up" before the curtain had fallen on the final act of the performance, obtaining her signature to a three year's contract. Madame LeBrun made her first appearance with the Savage organization in the part of Leonora in "Il Trovatore"—the same part she will sing this week in the three acts from "Il Trovatore," which she presents with the assistance of her company. She remained with Savage until the expiration of her contract, and then decided to return to Europe where she appeared at three different Royal Operas of Germany and Austria and caused a sensation with her magnificent singing. At the beginning of the present season she decided to accept the splendid offer made her to go out with a company of her own.

Madame LeBrun is not only a soprano with a pure sweet voice of wonderful range, but is a gifted actress as well. She sings with the fire and abandon of the Italians, and her work this week is really a revelation to theatre-goers who are accustomed to no such admirable vocal performances. The beauty of "Il Trovatore" scenes given by the company is enhanced by the magnificent costumes that are worn, Madame LeBrun's dress having cost \$1,000, while the suit of dazzling armor worn by Mr. Huttman cost nearly half that much. Such scenes as the one given by the young prima donna and her able associates tend more than anything else to lift the standard of American musical taste.—From the Indianapolis Sun.

Mrs. Carr.

Mrs. William Carr, formerly a resident of this city, died at her home in Hutchinson last week. Mrs. Carr was the wife of Engineer William Carr, who for many years was on a Santa Fe run out of here, and receiving injuries resulting from a wreck in the yards at this point some years ago from which he died a few weeks later. Mrs. Carr has since been making her home in Hutchinson, and for some years past has been a great sufferer from rheumatism and for the last six months has been confined to her bed. Mrs. Carr was a great worker in the church when here, and has many warm friends in Great Bend who will be sorry to hear of her death.

J. E. McMullen was in Ellinwood on business Tuesday of this week.

Warren-Poore.

On Wednesday of this week at McPherson, Kansas, occurred the marriage of Miss Flora Warren, of Guymon, Oklahoma, and Mr. John Poore, of this city.

Mr. Poore has made this city his home since early last spring, coming here from Abilene, where his parents live. Shortly after coming here he took the foremanship of the Clarion and has been in our employ ever since. He is a fine workman, a pleasant gentleman to have around, and has made for himself many friends in our city.

Miss Warren we have never had the pleasure of meeting, but heartily welcome her to our city as the life companion of Mr. Poore.

Mr. and Mrs. Poore are expected home the last of the week, after a few days visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state, and will go to housekeeping in the Christian parsonage.

The Clarion extends congratulations, and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Poore all of the good things that this world affords.—Clarion.

Henry C. Hull.

After suffering quite severely from Bright's disease for the past year, Henry Hull died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. F. Tipton, in this city, Friday morning at 7:40. Mr. Hull was in from his farm north of town on Thursday and during the afternoon suffered a fainting spell on the street from which he never recovered.

He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, May 25, 1845 and at the time of death was 65 years, 5 months and 17 days old. He was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Weaver, in Trumbull county, January 20, 1872, and to this union seven children were born, four boys and three girls, all of whom with the mother survive the father. The boys are Fred, Jay, Harry and Ralph. The girls are Mrs. Bertha Tipton, of this city, Mrs. Grace Tipton, of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Mrs. Mary Stoskopf, of Cimmaron.

Mr. Hull came with his family to Barton county January 14, 1885, and lived for about a year and a half at Great Bend. He then moved to a farm in north Homestead where they lived for six years, and since that time they have lived on their present farm.

All of the children were present at the funeral except Mrs. Grace Tipton, who could not come on account of sickness. A sister of Mr. Hull, Mrs. Wm. Ward, of Chicago, was also present. He leaves two other sisters living at Warren, Ohio.

Mr. Hull was an honest, hard working man, who was well thought of and highly respected among a large circle of friends. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., which lodge had charge of the funeral services which were held from the U. B. church Monday at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Elder H. A. Pearce. Interment was made in the Hoisington cemetery.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Unpleasant Notoriety.

The transfer of the Logan case from this county to Rice county giving our people some unpleasant and uncalled for notoriety. In almost every daily and weekly paper of any consequence in this state has appeared an item giving the news of the removal of the case, and in every instance the article winds up by saying mob violence was feared. This fear may have existed in the minds of a man or so, but there is nothing to base such a belief on. Logan has been in the jail in this county for two months, and had the people who would have formed the mob, had one been formed, wanted him, there was no reason why they should not have made the attempt. The people of this county believe in law and order. They are satisfied that in this case justice will be done and they prefer for justice to take its course. The report sent out from here does not only do the people living in the neighborhood of where the crime was committed an injustice, but the people of the entire county. Cut out such stuff.

A Pleasant Reception.

A reception was held Saturday night for members of the Methodist church and their friends at the new parsonage which has recently been completed and which is now occupied by Rev. Cookerill and family. It was the first opening of the house to the public and about 200 people availed themselves of the invitation. The house while not one of the most expensive residences of the town, is one of the prettiest and the most modern. It has nine large rooms, and is arranged not only for beauty but convenience as well. On entering the house one goes into a large living room and the other east and front room is the dining room. Back of these is a study, a kitchen and large hall. The latter is in the center of the house and in it is located a large broad stairway. Up stairs there are four large bed rooms and a bath room. The cellar consists of three rooms and is under the entire house. Hot air furnace heat and water fixtures are installed in the house. The guests were much taken with the beauty of the home and Rev. Cookerill and family received a great many congratulations on the testimony paid them by the church. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Much credit is due the church for the handsome building erected, and especially is this due to the members of the building committee which consisted of Thomas Clayton, E. Russell and Wm. Hayes.

A Sudden Death.

Major P. M. B. Travis, of the regular army, died in this city last Friday morning at 2 o'clock. He was taken suddenly while on train No. 5 the night before, and was removed from the train to the hospital here. When taken from the train he was unconscious and remained in that condition until death occurred, death being due to uremia. The deceased was about 56 years of age and had been in the regular army until a short time ago when he received permission to retire on account of poor health, and at the time of death was on his way to California, in company with his wife to spend the winter. He was a prominent Mason and the Masons of this city took charge of the body. Short services were held at the Masonic hall in this city Saturday afternoon, and the body was that evening sent to Arlington for interment in the National Military Cemetery.

School Report.

Report of school district No. 26, for the second month, ending November 4th, 1910.

Total attendance 9. Average daily attendance 6. The following were neither absent nor tardy: Helen Mayes, C. Maybach, Mildred and Marion Woodburn.

The following were absent or tardy: Mary and George Gruver, Ray Mayes and Ralph Englemah. All patrons and friends invited to visit us.—G. E. Yeager.

The Van Noy Hotel.

The big Van Noy Hotel building on the Gray corner will be a wonderful addition to the lower half of that block. Other buildings will be erected there by Dr. Koch, C. C. Johnson and H. J. Webber, which will nearly build the block up solid. Mr. Gray has until December 15 to remove his buildings and it is expected that the Van Noy people will start to work soon thereafter on their \$50,000 hotel. It is to be strictly modern in every respect and will be the finest hotel in the county. It will relieve a long felt want in Hoisington. Recently we have heard of transients staying up all night because everything that looked like a hotel or rooming house was filled up. Mr. Coy has closed out his grocery stock in order to make room for his restaurant that is now occupying the corner building which must be moved. Mr. Webber is preparing to build on the room that was occupied by the grocery and then Mr. Coy will put in a swell restaurant.—Dispatch.